

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Trifluoroacetic acid esters can be used, for example, as solvents and as intermediates in the production of trifluoroethanol. α -Fluoro- β -dicarbonyl compounds are important intermediates, e.g., in the synthesis of α -fluoroacrylic acid esters, see European patent application no. EP 597,329. European patent application no. EP 597,329 and published German patent application no. DE 199 42 374 disclose the possibility of using HF adducts of amines as catalysts in fluorination reactions or as fluorination agents. European patent application no. EP 1,072,576 discloses HF adducts of fluorination agents and the use of ureas and phosphoric acid amides, optionally cyclic, as fluorination agents. Japanese Patent Application 63/128 086 discloses the hydrofluoride of 1,8-diazobicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene as an ingredient of ink.